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For: Method and Coupling Apparatus for )  
Facilitating a Vascular Anastomoses )  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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